

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A method of fabricating a magnetic head apparatus including a head supporting member comprising the steps of:

affixing a flexible wiring on a face of the head supporting member before bending a load beam included in the head supporting member;

bending the load beam before mounting a magnetic head to an end portion of the head supporting member; and

mounting the ~~[[a]]~~ magnetic head to the ~~[[an]]~~ end portion of the head supporting member.

Claim 2 (Original): The method as claimed in Claim 1, further including the step of: carrying out a springback preventive treatment after bending the load beam.

Claim 3 (Original): The method as claimed in Claim 2 wherein the springback preventive treatment includes at least one of a low temperature annealing and a high temperature annealing treatment which does not influence on a function of the flexible wiring.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): A method of fabricating a head supporting member for a magnetic head apparatus, comprising the steps of:

affixing a flexible wiring on a face of the head supporting member before being a load beam included in the head supporting member; and

bending the load beam before mounting a magnetic head to an end portion of the head supporting member.

Claim 5 (Original): The method as claimed in Claim 4, further including the step of:  
carrying out a springback preventive treatment after bending the load beam.

Claim 6 (Original): The method as claimed in Claim 5 wherein the springback  
preventive treatment includes at least one of a low temperature annealing and a high  
temperature annealing treatment which does not influence on a function of the flexible  
wiring.